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RESPONSE

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated 6/6/05, Asok K Sakar, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1 - 65, drawn to a method of producing SOI structure, classified in class 438, subclass 458;
- Group II. Claims 66 - 128, drawn to a method of producing SOI structure, classified in class 257, subclass 347

The Examiner asserted the following:

The invention are distinct from each other because of the following... Inventions Group I and group II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.02(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as delaminating the bonded first and second substrates by shining laser or water jet at the separation zone instead of applying voltages. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicants hereby confirm that provisional election, without traverse.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement in the next subsequent Office Action, and continue prosecution of Group II, claims 66 - 128 together with one another.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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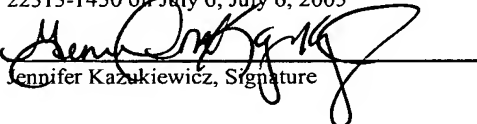
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